

I want to let you know that I support satellite radio and do not support the NAB's Petition 04-160. Satellite radio provides a wide variety of music, information, news and entertainment that are not available anywhere else. These are services that I pay for and I do not feel that the NAB, or any other group, should dictate what I am permitted to hear on satellite radio or to limit what satellite radio can provide.

The instant traffic and weather is EXTREMELY helpful when going on a trip. I can check the traffic situation long before I am within reception of local radio channels and can make adjustments as necessary. Then, once I am in listening range of local radio, I can try to find a local station with more traffic information.

I live in a very rural part of North Carolina, and travel the northeastern portion of the state on a daily basis. Before satellite radio, it was hit or miss finding a station that can give a decent signal for more than 15-20 minutes, then I have to start looking for another one.

Also, satellite radio provides MANY types of programming that are not available ANYWHERE else, such as Old Time Radio shows, comedy channels, 24 Hour News, 24 Hour Talk Radio, and many music channels with music found only on satellite radio.

Thanks for listening.

Respectfully,

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